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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES, ) Case No.  
 ) 1-05-CV-049053  
 ) VOLUME II  
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TRIAL TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH SCALMANINI  
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1 neighborhood of 200,000. And that climbed another  
2 50 percent, or to about 300,000, by the mid 2000s.

3 The two are -- excuse me.

4 The total is predominated by the  
5 combination of Lancaster and Palmdale which are 14:43:48  
6 reflected by red and blue squares and plot -- in  
7 the plot below the total. And there are a number  
8 of smaller individual components that are tracked  
9 at the bottom, but they're all relatively small  
10 components of the total as contrasted to Palmdale 14:44:09  
11 and Lancaster dominating the population makeup of  
12 the Antelope Valley.

13 BY MR. DUNN:

14 Q. When you say "Lancaster and Palmdale,"  
15 are you referring to the cities of Lancaster and 14:44:20  
16 Palmdale respectively?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Directing your attention please to the  
19 exhibit premarked as Exhibit 52, labeled "Applied  
20 Crop Water Duties Reference Evapotranspiration 14:44:37  
21 and Crop Coefficients Antelope Valley Area of  
22 Adjudication."

23 (Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 52 was  
24 introduced for identification.)

25 BY MR. DUNN: 14:44:50

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1 Do you have Exhibit 52 before you?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Who prepared Exhibit 52?

4 A. Our office did.

5 Q. Where did the information come from? 14:44:54

6 A. There are two things reflected on  
7 Exhibit 52. One is referenced "evapotranspiration,"  
8 that is abbreviated ETo, and crop coefficients  
9 for various crops grown in Antelope Valley  
10 that's denoted as Kc. 14:45:30

11 The referenced evapotranspiration data  
12 was taken from the so-called CIMIS, C-I-M-I-S;  
13 which stands for California Irrigation Management  
14 Information System, located at Victorville, which  
15 is immediately east of the Antelope Valley. And 14:45:54  
16 because at the time there was no CIMIS reference of  
17 evapotranspiration data available for the Antelope  
18 Valley, and the reference evapotranspiration data  
19 reflects an average for --

20 MR. ZIMMER: Objection as previously 14:46:15  
21 stated. It's also nonresponsive.

22 MR. DUNN: I'm sorry, Mr. Zimmer. I will  
23 have to ask you to either put the objection on the  
24 record before he starts his question or if not  
25 before, to allow him to finish his answer. 14:46:29

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1 MR. ZIMMER: Well, the problem is  
2 that the answers go on so long they're extremely  
3 nonresponsive oftentimes and overbroad that it's  
4 hard to know exactly where he's going. So if  
5 something comes up that appears to be objectionable 14:46:43  
6 for the reasons we stated earlier, then I need to  
7 bring that to the Court's attention.

8 MR. DUNN: But again, I would ask you  
9 not to interrupt the witness as he begins to  
10 answer the question. And noted for the record is 14:46:54  
11 your characterization of the witness' testimony.  
12 Thank you.

13 BY MR. DUNN:

14 Q. Mr. Scalmanini --

15 A. So where was I before he interrupted? 14:47:06

16 Q. Let me see if I can assist.

17 A. Jesus. Unbelievable.

18 Q. One moment, please.

19 MR. ZIMMER: Perhaps we could have a  
20 question. 14:47:20

21 THE WITNESS: We had one. I was in the  
22 middle of answering it.

23 MR. JOYCE: Why don't we have the court  
24 reporter read it back.

25 BY MR. DUNN: 14:47:54

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1           Q.     Mr. Scalmanini, the question that was last  
2     asked was with regards to Exhibit No. 52, "Where did  
3     the information come from?" my notes show that you  
4     were explaining the evapotranspiration coefficient  
5     information and the CIMIS station located in           14:48:09  
6     Victorville. There was no CIMIS data available  
7     at that time in the Antelope Valley, and then the  
8     interruption or objection by Mr. Zimmer at that  
9     point so --

10           MR. ZIMMER: And, Mr. Dunn, that what you   14:48:28  
11     just read right there is a perfect example of the  
12     problem we're having here. You asked him where the  
13     information came from. Mr. Scalmanini on his own,  
14     which he's prone to do, simply went off to tell us  
15     what he wanted to tell us regardless of any question   14:48:44  
16     pending after that information.

17           Therefore, it's very clear when you read  
18     the question back that it was in fact nonresponsive.  
19     It also raises the issue of why I had to object in  
20     the middle of it because he was being nonresponsive,   14:48:54  
21     and the question that you had asked was not the  
22     question of what it showed, which I've been  
23     previously objecting to for all the reasons we  
24     raised with the Court.

25           If Mr. Scalmanini perhaps could answer       14:49:06

1 the question rather than telling us what he thinks  
2 he wants to tell us, that would be helpful.

3 MR. DUNN: Mr. Zimmer, your comments  
4 are noted for the record.

5 I will ask the court reporter to read back 14:49:17  
6 the last question and then Mr. Scalmanini's answer.  
7 And that question, as I have it, is, "Where did the  
8 information come from?"

9 If you will read that question back and  
10 Mr. Scalmanini's answer up to the point in time 14:49:31  
11 where Mr. Zimmer comes on the record.

12 MR. ZIMMER: It's nonresponsive.

13 (Record read as follows:

14 "Q. Where did the information come  
15 from?

16 "A. There are two things reflected  
17 on Exhibit 52. One is referenced  
18 'evapotranspiration,' that is abbreviated  
19 ETo, and crop coefficients for various  
20 crops grown in Antelope Valley 14:45:29  
21 that's denoted as Kc.

22 "The referenced evapotranspiration  
23 data was taken from the so-called CIMIS,  
24 C-I-M-I-S; which stands for California  
25 Irrigation Management Information System, 14:45:48

1 located at Victorville, which is  
2 immediately east of the Antelope Valley.  
3 And because at the time there was no  
4 CIMIS reference of evapotranspiration data  
5 available for the Antelope Valley, and the 14:46:07  
6 reference evapotranspiration data reflects  
7 an average for --")

8 THE WITNESS: -- the period 1994 through  
9 2003 from the Victorville station. The crop  
10 coefficients are taken from a table published by 14:50:45  
11 the California -- excuse me -- University of  
12 California Cooperative Extension Service for  
13 the California High Desert in 2004.

14 BY MR. DUNN:

15 Q. Exhibit No. 52, what does it show? 14:51:08

16 MR. ZIMMER: Objection as previously  
17 stated.

18 THE WITNESS: It lists basic reference  
19 evapotranspiration data and crop coefficient  
20 data in basically -- or for basically bimonthly 14:51:28  
21 periods throughout the year with crop coefficients  
22 reflecting differences in the fractions of total  
23 reference evapotranspiration water use as a function  
24 of plant growth stage for the various crops listed  
25 in the table. 14:51:58

1 BY MR. DUNN:

2 Q. Mr. Scalmanini, directing your  
3 attention to the exhibit marked next in order,  
4 Exhibit No. 53, it is labeled "Applied Crop Water  
5 Duties Evapotranspiration of Crops Antelope Valley 14:52:11  
6 Area of Adjudication."

7 (Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 53 was  
8 introduced for identification.)

9 BY MR. DUNN:

10 Q. Do you have number -- Exhibit No. 53 14:52:20  
11 before you?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who prepared it?

14 A. Our office did.

15 Q. Where did the information come from? 14:52:26

16 A. The numbers reflected in the table  
17 are the product of the two pieces of information  
18 in Exhibit 52, where here in Exhibit 53  
19 evapotranspiration of water by crops or symbolized  
20 by ETc is a product of referenced evapotranspiration 14:52:53  
21 in the previous exhibit times the crop coefficient  
22 listed in the previous exhibit at the various  
23 respective stages of growth of the various crops.

24 Q. And what does Exhibit No. 53 depict?

25 MR. ZIMMER: Same objection. 14:53:15

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1 THE WITNESS: It depicts how much  
2 water each of the crops listed in Exhibit 53  
3 evapotranspirates through its growth cycle, whether  
4 that's continuous or through part of any given year  
5 in the Antelope Valley. 14:53:38

6 BY MR. DUNN:

7 Q. I would like to direct your attention  
8 to the next exhibit marked in order as Exhibit  
9 No. 54.

10 (Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 54 was 14:53:44  
11 introduced for identification.)

12 BY MR. DUNN:

13 Q. It is labeled "Applied Crop Water Duties  
14 Evapotranspiration of Applied Water Antelope Valley  
15 Area of Adjudication." 14:53:52

16 And, Mr. Scalmanini, do you have  
17 Exhibit No. 54 before you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And I observed that you were also  
20 referring to Exhibit No. 101. 14:54:03

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are you locating another copy of that  
23 Exhibit 54?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Where did you find it in Exhibit No. 101? 14:54:14

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1           A.       Each of the last two exhibits plus this  
2 one are taken from Appendix D-3 of Exhibit 101.

3           Q.       And who prepared Exhibit No. 54?

4           A.       Our office did.

5           Q.       And, again, where did the information come 14:54:36  
6 from?

7           A.       Well, this is, I'll call it, a  
8 continuing tabulation of calculations that  
9 began with Exhibit 52 and continued through 53  
10 and now gets to Exhibit 54. 14:55:00

11                   And the resultant evapotranspiration  
12 of applied water summarized in Exhibit 54 comes  
13 from Exhibit -- the numbers in Exhibit 53 less any  
14 water that was considered to have been effectively  
15 contributed by precipitation. So in simple summary, 14:55:32  
16 the evapotranspiration of applied water are labeled  
17 ETaw is a result of the evapotranspiration of the  
18 crop in Exhibit 53 minus effective precipitation  
19 denoted as Pb in Exhibit 54.

20           Q.       What does Exhibit No. 54 show? 14:56:04

21                   MR. ZIMMER: Same objections.

22                   THE WITNESS: As contrasted to Exhibit 53,  
23 which simply shows how much water a crop would  
24 evapotranspire, Exhibit 54 reflects how much  
25 applied water; meaning after any contribution by 14:56:22

1 precipitation, so how much applied water, water  
2 being applied by man, would be evapotranspired  
3 by the respective crops.

4 BY MR. DUNN:

5 Q. Directing your attention, please, to 14:56:39  
6 Exhibit No. 55 premarked for identification.

7 (Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 55 was  
8 introduced for identification.)

9 BY MR. DUNN:

10 Q. It is labeled "Applied Crop Water Duties 14:56:44  
11 Distribution Uniformity, Applied Water, Irrigation  
12 Efficiencies, Antelope Valley Area of Adjudication."

13 Do you have Exhibit No. 55 before you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who prepared Exhibit 55? 14:57:03

16 A. Our office did.

17 Q. Where did the information come from?

18 A. Well, it's a collection of information  
19 that was calculated as summarized in the preceding  
20 exhibits to list the evapotranspiration or 14:57:17  
21 ETc evapotranspiration by crops, effective  
22 precipitation, evapotranspiration of applied water,  
23 distribution uniformity, which we estimated for the  
24 irrigation methods, you know, applied in the Valley,  
25 to ultimately calculate and applied water for each 14:57:42

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1 crop which would be the evapotranspiration of  
2 applied water divided by the distribution  
3 uniformity, and then added amounts of water which we  
4 understood to be used as part of what you might call  
5 cultural practices for the different types of crops 14:58:05  
6 for control of, for example, erosion by wind to  
7 come up with a total applied water which is labeled  
8 AWt --

9 MR. ZIMMER: Objection. Nonresponsive.

10 I think the question was where the 14:58:24  
11 information came from, not what it is.

12 BY MR. DUNN:

13 Q. Mr. Scalmanini, did you finish your answer  
14 to the question?

15 A. Almost. 14:58:35

16 Q. Would you please continue.

17 A. Okay. And so all these numbers came from  
18 calculations which progressively got to the applied  
19 water total, which is listed both in inches and  
20 in feet toward the right-hand side of the table -- 14:58:52  
21 or excuse me -- the exhibit.

22 And then ultimately a calculation of  
23 overall irrigation efficiency which is defined as  
24 the bottom -- at the bottom of the exhibit as a  
25 calculated number that's -- that is the sum of 14:59:11

1 evapotranspiration --

2 MR. ZIMMER: Objection. Nonresponsive.

3 BY MR. DUNN:

4 Q. Would you please continue.

5 A. So the last column comes from a 14:59:25  
6 calculation as summarized in the last footnote  
7 that overall irrigation efficiency is the sum of  
8 evapotranspiration of applied water which is the  
9 one, two, three -- fourth column in this table plus  
10 applied water for erosion control, which is the one, 14:59:45  
11 two, three, four, five, six -- seventh column, plus  
12 applied water for pre-irrigation, which is the one,  
13 two, three, four, five, six, seven -- eighth column  
14 in this exhibit, all divided by total applied water;  
15 you know, a consistent set of units which would be 15:00:08  
16 the ninth column in this table to produce the  
17 numbers that are listed as overall irrigation  
18 efficiency in the last column.

19 MR. DUNN: It is now 3:00 p.m.

20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of 15:00:26  
21 tape No. 2 --

22 MR. ZIMMER: Hold on a second before we  
23 go off the record.

24 Mr. Dunn, I thought yesterday we had some  
25 discussion about checking with the witness to see if 15:00:37

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